

REMARKS

Claims 102-160 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels claims 103, 149, 151, and 154-157 without prejudice. Thus, claims 102, 104-148, 150, 152-153, and 158-160 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment. Claims 102, 104, 125, 133, 146, and 158 are independent.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 104-145 and 158-160.

Claim 102 was indicated as being allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 102 has been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. It is submitted that this amendment merely makes explicit what had been implicit in the claim. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claim 102 are respectfully requested.

Claim 151 was indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, independent claim 146 has been amended to include elements of claim allowable 151, which has been cancelled. Thus, claim 146, as well as claims 147-148, 150, and 152-153 that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

Claims 149 and 152 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 149 has been cancelled without prejudice. As discussed above, claim 146 has been amended to include elements of claim 151 and, as such now provides proper antecedent basis to the elements of claim 152. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claims 149 and 152 are respectfully requested.

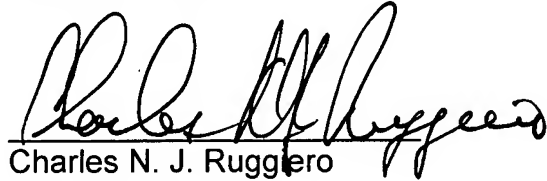
Claims 103 and 154-157 have been cancelled rendering the rejections to these claims moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claims 103 and 154-157 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for issuance. Such action is solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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